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Immediate Trading Area 15,000
(1945 Nation Board Figures)

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Local News
Bulletins

FAMILY DAY
Sunday will be Family Day at the First Baptist church...

LEGION SQUARE DANCE
Regular Friday night square dance sponsored by Otis D. Green Post 155...

KIWANIS MEETING
Rev. J. C. Corneite, of Lincolnton, was to address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club...

STORY HOUR
Regular Friday afternoon story hour will begin at Jacob S. Mauney Library at 4 o'clock...

BUILDING PERMITS
Building permits were issued this week to J. Earl Scism, on Tuesday, for construction of a new four-room dwelling...

LEGION SUPPER
Bill of fare for the regular Saturday night supper of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, will be "hamburgers and taters"...

FILM AT ABP CHURCH
The conversion of St. Paul will be shown at Boyce Memorial ABP church at 7:30 Sabbath night...

BUILDING BEGUN
The congregation of First Baptist church voted Sunday to accept recommendations of the church building committee...

ON HONOR ROLL
Sue Scism, of Kings Mountain, was among the 88 Gardner-Webb college students who made the scholastic honor roll for the first six weeks of the current semester...

LODGE MEETING
Fairview Lodge, 339, A. F. & A. M., will hold an emergent communication at the Masonic Hall Saturday night at 7:30 for work in the third degree...

DIVISION MEETING
Representatives from all clubs of Kiwanis Division I are expected to attend a meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club next Thursday night, March 30...

Hospital Crew Seeks Sunshine

Carroll Reid, superintendent of the Kings Mountain hospital building job, is praying for a few consecutive days of dry weather...

More Activity Being Noted For County Posts

As was anticipated, local level politics began to move at a faster pace this week, following the close last Saturday noon of filing time for district and state offices...

Though filing deadline for candidates who seek county and township offices does not fall until April 15, there was an evident quickening of the pace during the past week, with several tangible evidences...

(1) Announcement Wednesday by Incumbent County Commissioner Zeb V. Cline, A. G. Brackett and Henry W. McKinney that they would seek re-election...

(2) Announcement here by Ollie Harris that he would seek re-election as county coroner.

(3) Expressed interest by several local citizens that they would seek nomination and election as Number 4 Township constable.

(4) Announcement by A. A. Parker, route 1, Casar, that he will seek nomination for the county school board.

(5) Announcement by R. L. Plonk, veteran Kings Mountain member, that he will not seek re-nomination to the county school board.

(Under the school board set-up, the state legislature appoints members of the county school board. With a large Democratic majority in all General Assemblies of recent vintage, it has been practice to appoint Democratic nominees.

Announcement of candidacy by the incumbent commissioners and by Mr. Harris had been anticipated, as was the announcement by Mr. Plonk that he would not offer again. Mr. Plonk had indicated to friends and to county school officials several months ago that he would not seek re-nomination.

Since Mr. Plonk was the only member of the board who lives in the eastern part of the county, there was quick speculation as to whether some candidate from this section would announce. Considered as a possible school board candidate was Whitney Wells of the Dixon community. Other possibilities of candidates (Cont'd on page eight)

Band Campaign Work Underway

A solicitation organization for the Band Fund campaign was set up and was at work this week, though Dr. Paul E. Hendricks, chairman said he has yet had no report to make on the progress of the drive.

The steering committee for the fund campaign, augmented by a large number of Band-Parent association members and interested citizens, includes W. K. Mauney, Jr., industrial, Mrs. Hunter Neilsen, upholstery business, Mrs. Hal D. Ward and Mrs. W. G. Grantham, outlying business, and John L. McCall, civic clubs. Goal of the fund drive is \$1,500. (The figure was inadvertently given to the Herald last week at \$2,500.)

The money is used for the purchase of uniforms, equipment, music and other necessities for the Kings Mountain school band. Dr. Hendricks, himself a former director of the school band, expressed confidence that the \$1,500 will be obtained.

"The people of Kings Mountain have always been very liberal in their support of the band, and they still will be," Dr. Hendricks commented.

J. Clyde Randle Switches To Cows, Has Envious Record As Dairyman

"When I was a boy picking cotton I used to tell my dad that I wished I'd been born so far north of the Mason-Dixon line that I never saw a stalk of cotton."

That was the reply of J. Clyde Randle, who had just received the 1949 Efficient Production Award K. Pinnacle View Farm dairy, when asked why he had jumped into dairying in the cotton country.

Mr. Randle received a beautiful plaque, size 11 inches by 15 inches, from the National Dairy Products Corporation after having been judged by the state awards committee of the Dairy Herd Improvement association.

The announcement was made by J. A. Arey, dairy extension specialist of the State College extension service. The production award covers several phases of dairying, including planned pasture, record keeping, home grown feeds, balanced rations and clean cows.

Mr. Randle, who was born in Grover some 25 years ago, moved to the Pinnacle View section near Kings Mountain some 30 years ago. His parents, W. F. and Aline Sheppard Randle, recently celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary.



FORENSIC TOURNAMENT CONTESTANTS - Pictured above are the four members of the Kings Mountain high school dramatics club who participated in the annual forensic event held at Lee Edwards high school in Asheville last Friday and Saturday...

Board Indicates 'OK' For Five-Man Body

County Board Members Offer For Re-Election

The Shelby Daily Star Wednesday quoted members of the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners as indicating they would support the proposal, currently gaining favor, of a five-man county board.

"If this is what the people want, we want it too," the Star quoted the commissioner. "In some ways we think it would be a fine thing to have a larger board of commissioners," continued the Star, quoting the board.

The proposal was publicly advanced last week by the Kings Mountain Herald in an editorial entitled "Five-Man Board." It has the support of a number of Kings Mountain political leaders, who take the position that a five-man board would give the county better representation and, concurrently, better government.

Local leaders have expressed a preference for a district or ward arrangement, whereby the 11 townships of Cleveland county would be carved into five wards, with a commissioner from each. At the same time, citizens would vote for their five favorites, one from each ward or district.

Change of the number and method of electing members of the county board would have to be enacted by legislative act of the General Assembly. Formal endorsement of the plan by the county board of commissioners would be tantamount to enacting the changes, local political leaders think, provided there developed no particular objection to the proposal.

CITY COURT
Three cases, two in which defendants were convicted on charges of public drunkenness, were heard in regular weekly session of City Recorders court held at City Hall Monday afternoon. Judge W. Faison Barnes, who presided, posted a fine of \$50 and costs on W. N. Abernathy after convicting him of speeding and carrying a concealed weapon.

City is Improving S. Piedmont Ave.

The city street department was at work this week improving a portion of South Piedmont avenue, from the postoffice line to Gold street.

Working on the east side of the street, the city is shaping up shoulders and cutting a sidewalk, in an effort to make the street wider and safer for traffic.

It was also anticipated that the state highway department would begin paving E. Gold street, from Gaston to the York Road, in the near future. The road has been closed this week, and a state highway department crew was at work Thursday scraping and packing the road, which has been widened considerably.

The Bonnie Mill was also taking part in the street improvement project, re-arranging the unloading platform to the Gold street warehouse. This change will enable widening of the street.

Pilot Expected To Foreclose On Mill Soon

Definite action on the sale of DuCourt Mills, Inc., properties was deferred again on Monday.

The Associated Press reported that Federal Referee Herbert Loewenthal had informed counsel for Pilot Life Insurance, holder of first mortgage in the properties of the bankrupt, that the referee would approve a foreclosure order when submitted.

Kings Mountain Attorney J. R. Davis, handling an account against DuCourt for collection, said he was informed by Sidney Krause, attorney for the trustee in bankruptcy, that Pilot's counsel had an order drawn for presentation on Monday, but that technical errors were found, preventing its acceptance.

The indication was, therefore, that Pilot Life insurance will proceed with the foreclosure, and that the DuCourt properties will be sold at auction at the courthouse door in Shelby in the near future. It is also assumed here that that action will be an open one, with no upset price.

Pilot's mortgage is for \$150,000, plus interest. Taking precedence over the first mortgage are county and city tax bills in the aggregate amount of \$22,847.99, plus some additional penalties.

The Associated Press reported that Mr. Krause told the referee that negotiations were underway with Courand Palmer, President of Ruseville Mills, Inc., the latter second mortgage holder, whereby the second mortgage claim of \$125,000 would be reduced to \$72,000, which in turn would result in a lowering of the original upset price to \$300,000. However, Mr. Davis said that Mr. Krause did not mention this development to him.

Only bid on the property Monday was placed by Alfred J. Conforti, of New York, who bid \$72,000 for the 71 houses of the DuCourt village, the Associated Press reported.

Garden Expert To Speak Here

Mrs. Cora A. Harris, garden consultant and garden editor of the Charlotte News, will speak here to members of the Kings Mountain Garden Club and other interested citizens on the evening of April 11 at City Hall.

Mrs. Harris, widely known authority on gardens, will discuss "Continuity of Bloom in the Shrubbery and Flower Border."

The program was arranged for the Garden Club by Mrs. H. C. Mayes, who made the announcement.

In addition to her work for the Charlotte News, Mrs. Harris writes a monthly column called "Living for Young Homemakers" for the magazine "Mademoiselle," and has previously done articles for several other national-circulated magazines.

The Garden Club is extending an invitation to all citizens interested in gardening to hear Mrs. Harris.

Concord Jaycees Visit Local Group

Highlight of the regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce, held at the Woman's Club Tuesday night, was a visit by some half-dozen Concord Jaycees.

The visiting group was pushing the candidacy of Al Brown for third district vice-president of the state organization. Jacob Cooper, of the Kings Mountain club, is retiring from the job Mr. Brown seeks.

Bill Howard, Brown's campaign chairman, made a short talk and presented his candidate to the local group. Brown is currently state agricultural chairman and is a combat veteran of World War II.

Two new members - Paul Stidix and Loy Costner - were welcomed into the club by Bill Fulton, membership chairman.

The club voted to present the "minstrel" show again at a date and place to be announced.

Dr. Bailey Moves His Local Office

Dr. James S. Bailey, optometrist, is announcing this week removal of his office from the First National Bank building to the building owned by W. K. Mauney which adjoins the Imperial Theater.

\$18,000 City Bond Issue Sells At Record-Low Rate Of Interest



TO PREACH HERE - Dr. Hunter B. Blakely, president of Queens College of Charlotte, will deliver the sermon Sunday morning at First Presbyterian church.

College Head To Preach Here

Dr. Hunter B. Blakely, of Charlotte, president of Queens College, will deliver the sermon at regular 11 o'clock services at First Presbyterian church on Sunday morning.

The sermon of Dr. Blakely will be among the features of the church's observance of "Christian Education Sunday."

Also visiting the church Sunday for the Sunday school hour will be Miss Summers Tarlton, head of the Queens department of religious education, and Misses Belva Moser, Alleen Kabrich and Danda Oxner, Queens students majoring in religious education.

The public is cordially invited to hear this outstanding educator and minister, Rev. P. D. Patrick, the pastor, said, in making the announcement.

Jaycee Leaders Vote Donations

Directors of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce conducted a considerable amount of business at their March meeting, according to report in "The Jayceer," club bulletin edited by Dr. D. F. Hord.

Included in the several actions of the board were donations of \$50 to the Kings Mountain Girl Scout organization and \$50 to the school Bible teacher salary fund. The latter donation was in the form of a "bonus donation," Jaycees having contributed \$75 to this fund several months ago.

Other actions of the board included appointment of a nominating committee, ladies' night banquet committee, and road sign committee.

The nominating committee includes: W. S. Fulton, Jr., chairman, Jacob Cooper, Hoyle (Snooks) McDaniel, W. B. Logan and Martin Harmon.

The road sign committee (to build or purchase Jaycee signs for placement on major highways leading into Kings Mountain) includes Ben Ballard, chairman, Fred Wright, Jr., Elmer Rhea, and Dr. Peeler.

The ladies night committee includes Charlie Thomasson, chairman, Drace Peeler, J. T. McGinnis, Bill Lindsay and Martin Harmon.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week which ended on Wednesday totaled \$165.78 according to a report from the office of S. A. Crouse, city clerk.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Members of the Cleveland-Rutherford Executives club will hear an address by Leland Stowe, Pulitzer prize-winning foreign correspondent at a meeting at Gardner Memorial Building in Bowling Springs March 31.

Talent Show To Be Held Friday Night; Thursday Show Cancelled

The 3rd Annual Lions Talent Show will be a one-night affair after all, it was announced this week by Chairman Gene Timms. Mr. Timms said entries in some divisions were insufficient for a two-night program, as had been scheduled, and that the two programs would be consolidated for one large performance, to be held Friday night at 8 o'clock at the high school auditorium.

The talent show has been a popular spring promotion of the Lions club for the past two years,

First National Purchases City Issue At 1.72

City water and sanitary sewer bonds sold for a record low interest rate Tuesday.

The total of \$18,000 sold for the City of Kings Mountain by the Local Government commission, in Raleigh, went to the First National Bank, of Kings Mountain, at an average interest rate of 1.726 percent.

Previous low was on \$20,000 of street bonds issued in 1946, at an average interest rate of 1.75.

R. S. Dickson Company, Charlotte brokerage firm, handled the transaction for the Kings Mountain banking institution, which also purchased \$75,000 of the \$75,000,000 road bonds sold by the State of North Carolina Tuesday.

The R. S. Dickson firm arranged purchase of the state bonds shortly after they were purchased on low bid by Chase National Bank of New York.

The state bonds were sold at an average interest rate of 1.523 percent.

will mature at the rate of \$1,000 will mature at the rate of \$1,000 annually beginning in 1952, and continuing to 1957, and the rate of \$2,000 annually thereafter until the final bond is matured in 1963.

"The First National Bank is particularly happy that it was able to bid successfully on the City of Kings Mountain bonds," said F. R. Summers, president, "and we were also glad to obtain a portion of the state road bond issue. The bank feels fortunate in being in the position of investing both in the city in which it lives and the state in which it lives."

The city's issue includes \$9,000 for water extensions and \$9,000 for sewer extensions, with a total of \$8,450 of the amount earmarked for purchase of water and sewer lines in Crescent Hill and for purchase of waterlines on Landing street.

Since becoming a citizen of Kings Mountain, Mr. Harris has been very active in civic affairs of the community. He is a past commander of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, a member of the VFW, a Mason and a Lion. He is currently serving as chairman of the fund campaign of the Kings Mountain chapter, American Red Cross, and last year was chairman of the Number 4 township March of Dimes campaign.

He is a member of the First Baptist church.

Mr. Harris officially filed his candidacy Wednesday.

Fulton And Davis Contests Set Friday

Annual contests to determine winners of the Fulton reading medal and Davis declamation medal will be held at Central high school Friday morning during the regular chapel period according to announcement by Rowell Lane, principal.

Winners of the medals will represent Kings Mountain in the annual county reading and oratorical contests.

The Fulton reading medal is presented annually by H. Tom Fulton in memory of his sister, for many years a teacher in Kings Mountain schools. The contest is open to high school girls and was won last year by Miss Jean Lynch, who also won the county Schoolmasters reading contest held at Gardner-Webb college on April 22, 1949.

The Davis declamation medal, presented annually by J. R. Davis, prominent Kings Mountain attorney and school man, is given to the high school boy who is adjudged the best orator. Demouth Blanton was the 1949 winner and also won the county Hoey oratorical contest held at Gardner-Webb college on April 11.

Both Miss Lynch and Mr. Blanton survived county preliminary contests held in Shelby prior to the finals and went on to give Kings Mountain a clean sweep of the contests.

Postal Job Deadline Falls April 4, 1950

Closing date for applications for the position of substitute clerk-carrier at the Kings Mountain postoffice is April 4, 1950, according to announcement yesterday by Marion C. Falls, secretary of the local civil service board.

Applications for the position at the postoffice should be mailed to the office of the Director, Fourth U. S. Civil Service Region, Temporary Building "B," 2nd and Jefferson Drive, S. W., Washington, D. C. The position of substitute clerk-carrier is an hourly rated one, paying \$1.315 per hour to the successful applicant.

Further details and application blanks may be obtained from Mr. Falls.



SEEKS RE-ELECTION - J. Ollie Harris, county coroner and prominent Kings Mountain mortician, officially filed notice of candidacy for re-election on Wednesday with the county elections board.

Harris Announces For Re-Election

Kings Mountain had its first official candidate for county office this week.

Ollie Harris, well-known and popular Kings Mountain mortician, announced he would be a candidate for renomination and re-election as county coroner, subject to the May 27 Democratic primary.

Mr. Harris who was reared in Shelby, has been a citizen of Kings Mountain for the past three years, since he purchased Fulton Mortuary, which he has since operated successfully as Harris Funeral Home.

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Community Chorus Soloists Named

Soloists for the Community Chorus have been announced by Franklin Pethel, director, as follows:

Soprano: Miss Alice Ridenhour, Miss Dottie Smith. Alto: Miss Sarah Alexander, Mrs. James McSwain. Tenor: Rev. L. C. Plinnix. Baritone: B. S. Peeler, Jr. Bass: W. P. Fulton, Jr., and I. B. Goforth, Jr.

The chorus which includes approximately 50 voices will present the cantata, "Easteride," by Proffers, on Sunday evening, April 2, in the high school auditorium at 7:30 o'clock. Accompanists will be Miss Bonnie McIn-

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